Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, On June 12, 1886, twenty men living in Deuel County, South Dakota, formed the Farmers Mutual Fire and Lightning Insurance Company of Deuel County; and,

WHEREAS, In classic reflection of our state's rich ethnic and cultural heritage, the company's membership was originally limited to Scandinavians, and the Constitution and By-Laws were printed in the Scandinavian language; and,

WHEREAS, On January 15, 1887, at its first annual meeting, the company's membership had reached 33, and the then-lofty total of $25,000 worth of property had been insured; and,

WHEREAS, The passing years brought many changes to the company, as various coverages have been added and directors were allowed to write regionally and then statewide; and,

WHEREAS, The company has achieved noteworthy success in its business endeavors, with its insurance in force topping one million dollars by 1918 and exceeding 90 million dollars by 1986; and,

WHEREAS, Today, the company, now known as the Farm Mutual Insurance Company of Deuel County, stands as a tribute to the faith, hope, and determination of its pioneer founders and a testament to the integrity, honesty, and loyalty of South Dakota's business community:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby publicly proclaim the year of Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-six as

FARM MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF DEUEL COUNTY CENTENNIAL YEAR

in South Dakota, and I personally salute the company's leadership and membership for steadfastly maintaining today the same indomitable pioneer spirit that inspired its creators a long, proud century ago.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixth Day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Six

William J Janklow
WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

1889

ATTEST:

Alice Kundert
ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

By: Jay D. Vogt
Jay D. Vogt, Deputy

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